# BILLY" SUNDAY-THE MAN, HIS WORK AND THE COMING CAMPAIGN IN PHILADELPHIA



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## RISE FROM LOG CABIN TO GREAT PREACHER BY "BILLY" SUNDAY

'A Soldier's Orphan, He Became Baseball Hero, but Deserted Diamond to Be Evangelist.

The Rev. Dr. William Ashley Sunday, better known to the world as just plain have achieved fame in the history of the United States, was born in the country and did not find a "silver spoon in his outh" when he first saw the light of day. Whatever success he has had came to him through the usual course of "bumps" and "knocks" such as Lincoln had to fight through,

Mad to fight through.

He never saw his father, William Sunday, for the elder Sunday had been a private in Company E of the 23d Iowa infantry Volunteers, four months and was at the front with the Union troops in the Civil War when, on November 19, 1862, a bouncing baby boy arrived in the old log cabin hear Ames, Iowa, that Mrs. Sunday was trying to make comfortable for her little family; and about a month later, on December 22, 1862, the father died of disease in an army hospital at Patterson. Mo.

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Mother Sunday had a difficult time providing for her three sons, Roy, Edward and William. But she had the spirit of "never give up," which Billy has inherited from her, and for some years she manmend to keep the children together

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When Billy was 12 years old it became necessary for him and his older brother to go to the Soldiers' Orphanage at Glenwood, Ia., and in that institution, and in the Davenport Orphanage, into which he was later transferred, they spent two years.

After that experience Billy Sunday did all kinds of work on farms, almost every kind of manual labor that falls to the lot of a country boy; and for some time worked on a railroad, reaching the position of fireman.

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He was an athletic youth, and took much interest in games. As a baseball player he was one of the best in the small towns in Iowa when little more than a child. Later he became a player on an amateur club at Marshalltown, Ia., and there he was found by the Chicago White Bax. From that time, 1353, until 1836, he played professional ball. From Chicago he went to Pittsburgh, and from Pittsburgh he came to Philadelphia. It was with the Phillies that he last appeared on the professional diamond. He was the fastest base runner of his day. Billy Sunday was converted in the Pacific Garden Rescue Mission. Chicago, in the autumn of 1887. With some ball players he was seated on a curbstone along Van Eurem street. Some men and women, who were singing and playing flutes, horns and other musical in-

and women, who were singing and playing flutes, horns and other musical instruments, attracted his attention. He listened to their testimonies of what flod had done for them and what he would do for all who believed, and then he accepted an invitation to go to services at the Mission. None of the other players would go with him, so he went alone. Several times he returned to hear the services, and, one evening he went to the tiont of the hall with Mrs. Clark, wife of Colonal Clark, founder of the Mission, who had been urging him to accept Christian him Saviour, and publicly acknowledged his conversion.

ferson Park Prosbyterian Church in Chi-cago. It was there he met Helen A. Thompson, who became his wife in Sep-

tember, 1858.

In March, 1851, Sunday decided to give all his time to Christian work. He had a contract with the "Phillien," and was afraid that he could not get his release. Sit on St. Patrick's Day he received word from Colonis Rodgers, his manager of the lecal club, that he could have it. Immediately Jim Hart, manager of the Cincinnait Club, affeced him \$200 a sension, thich was hig money for a player in those days, and threw down \$100 in advance for the first manaley. But mes days and threw down \$600 in adtice for the fruit month's salary. But
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fused the offer and began working as
a assistant secretary in the Chicago
M. C. A. at a salary of \$83 a asontic.
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THE REV. DR. WILLIAM A. SUNDAY

Mr. Speice, whose picture appears on the right of Mr. Sunday, is the member of the Sunday party who designs the tabernacles and superintends their construction. Mrs. Sunday assists the Evangelist in much of his work. Members of the Executive Committee, from left to right, are—top row—Ben T. Welch, the Rev. H. A. Musser, Walter M. Wood, E. H. Bonsall, C. E. Beury, F. S. Edmonds, John B. Tuttle and the Rev. E. H. Emett. Below are William R. Nicholson, Joseph M. Steele, Mrs. Clarence L. Harper, E. J. Cattell, George C. Shane and John C. Winston. Several members were not present when this photograph was taken.

plete collegiate education. While working on the farms back in Iowa, he man-aged to attend high school for a time, but never was able to finish the work and obtain a diploma. He has always been an earnest student, however, since he decided to become a preacher; and while coaching at Northwestern University, during his baseball days, he attended classes there for a while. He has had the henorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him, and on April 15, 1903, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbytery

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Mr. Sunday and his happy family, composed of Mrs. Sunday and four children, live in a cost bungalow at Winona Lake, Ind. But the evangelist is so busy "hammering the old-time religion into men throughout the United States." that he can only find a month or six weeks each year in which he can rest and enjoy the home life. His children are Helen, George. William and Paul,

### CAMPAIGN TO OPEN HERE ON JANUARY 3 TO LAST TEN WEEKS

Many Meetings Will Be Held Daily to Boost Billy Sunday's Revival.

Billy Sunday's campaign in Philadelphia is scheduled to begin on Sunday, January 1, in the big Tabernacle facing Logan Square, at 19th and Vine streets. According to present plans, there will be three services in the Tabernacie that day and two every weekday, excepting Mon-days, during the 10 weeks ensuing. Although Mr. Sunday has always made it a rule to take Monday off as his rest day, and never preaches in the taberna-cies on that day, it more often happens that he is busy addressing meetings in hearby towns and cities, or meetings of

that he is busy addressing meetings in nearby fowns and cities, or meetings of different organizations of men.

The present plan is to hold the local meetings at 10 a. m. and 2 and 7:30 p. m. on Sundays, and at 2 and 7:30 p. m. on all weekdays, excepting Mondays. The song services that will be held previous to each evening sermon will be features of the services. For the local meetings the singers will be divided into two choirs, each having 1800 volces. These will sing on alternate evenings during the campaign, under the leadership of Prof. Homer Rodeheaver, whom Mr. Sunday calls "Rodey."

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Itoderheaver is a great cheir leader. He "jollies" the audience and gets everybody singing, so that the people are in the best of spirits when the time comes for Mr. Sunday to preach.

Besides the mentions in the Tabernacle, there will be many inneheous and meetings every day, under the leaders of the different phases of the work. Mrs. Sunday is one of the active workers in many of these outside services. Besides looking effer much of Mr. Sunday's personal husiness plans and halping lafts in many ways, the attends as many of the special meetings as the can does minh to creak wider interest.

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The EVENING LEDGERS will print up article, with Shadrations, to the samethe same to read to.

Never in the many years that Billy services has he had such a big choir as will be awaiting him in Philadelphia. More than 3600 persons will sing during | Sunday party, will lead the singing.

MUSIC FEATURE OF MEETINGS the services in the Tabernacle. While these singers will all be classed as the Sunday choir, they will in reality be two choirs, for 1800 of them will sing at each evening and Sunday service.

Professor Homer Rodeheaver, of the



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The Rev. E. H. Emett, assistant to Billy

Sunday, who has been here for neveral

weeks, helping with the local committees and plans, in an interview, gives some idea of the machinery of the great organ-

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cal Preparations.

#### GREAT TABERNACLE READY

Building Will Accommodate 20,000

Persons at Each Service. though by magic, the monster, turtle-shaped tabernacle was thrown to gether on the vacant plot along the Parkway, at 19th and Vine streets, during the last few weeks. Joe Speice, who has planned and directed the construction of the Billy Sunday tabernacles for years, was in charge of the work, and several score of men put it together.

The structure will accommodate about 20,000 persons, and, with the exception of the Pittsburgh tabernacle, is the largest in which the evangelist has preached.

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The auditorium will be furnished only with pine board seats, and big stoves will heat it. Between the seats will be wide aisles. They will be covered with sawdust to prevent noise and to reduce the danger from fire. Each of them leads to a door opening into the street.

LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BISHOP BERRY EXPECTS

MANY CONVERTS HERE I first knew Mr. Sunday when he was a star on the old Chicago "White Stockings" baseball club. I remember his conversion at Pacific Gardan ber his conversion at Pacific Garden Mission, and used to hear Harry Monroe tell how marvelously the grace of God has changed "Billy Sunday," I heard one of his earliest public addresses. To tell the truth, it was not a great success. His vocabulary was rather limited and his style hesitating and jerky. But in those days Sunday used to say to those who criticised:

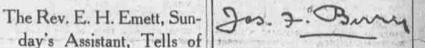
"Stop knocking, boys; I'll show you some day how to preach."
Well, he has shown vast multitudes In all parts of the Republic how to

In all parts of the Republic how to preach.

Through all the years since, Mr. Sunday and I have been friends. As an editor I helped to introduce him to the public and to give him a start. I have watched his steady advance in efficiency and popularity with real pleasure. I have every confidence in his personal and ministerial character.

Mr. Sunday is a man of liberal education, of real culture and of tremendous moral earneatness. As a
preacher he is unique, winsome and
tremendously effective. He says some
things I would not say and does some
things I would not do. But If he said
things as I say them and did things
as I do them, he would not be Billy
Sunday and the multitudes would not
flock to hear him and be uplifted by
his preaching.

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My confident expectation is that Mr.
Sunday will be used in Philadelphia
for the rescue and uplift of a multi-



## "BILLY" SUNDAY HAS LED OVER QUARTER MILLION FROM SIN

One-time Famous Baseball Player Has Great Record as Whirlwind Evangelist.

paign conducted by Mr. Sunday has passed the experimental stage. In coming to a city I know what Mr. Sunday requires, and suggest or outline to the During the 19 years that "Billy" Suncommittees the various phases of the or-ganization," he said.
"The one exception in this city is the matter of planning for neighborhood day has been in evangelistic work he has spoken before more people than any living man. Even in the smaller cities

Asked whether many so to the Roman Catholic churches, Mr. Emett enthusias-tically resilied:

"Yes, I handled appress of rards signed by converts who said they wanted to go to Catholic churches. We siways send these cards to the priest or rhurch mentioned by the convert.

"The Hurgical church propic attend Mr. Sunday's meetings and are brought under the poworful preasining of the Gespai in fact as large proportions as members of other denominations. Mr. Sunday's campaists are always city-wide. Therefore, the organization rhust be large enough and flexible snough to adapt itself in the resultenessits of the large or small city an die innet the requirements of the large or small city and the innet the requirements of avery stangelied dimentication.

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matter of planning for neighborhood prayer meetings. These have been ad-mirably cared for by Doctor George H. Bickley. In no city where Mr. Sunday has conducted a meeting have broader or and towns where tabernacles are built large enough to accommodate 10,000 persone, there have been overflow meetings practically every time Mr. Sunday has better plans for the prayer meetings been laid. "Another valuable and Important phase spoken. In thousands of cases immense crowds were unable to gain admittance. "Another valuable and important phase of the preparatory work is that of the Rev. George G. Dowey, who, under the joint auspices of the Central Committee and the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, is increasing the memberships of the men's Rible classes in the Sunday schools. Similar work to this is Estimates of the number of converts Sunday has had place it from a quarter of a million to 460,000. It seems safe to say that at least 300,000 persons have "hit

School Association, is increasing the memberships of the men's Rible classes in the Sunday schools. Similar work to this is being done in Des Moines, and we have found ample opportunity to relate this special work to the scheme of organization. We are pianning to relate Mr. Dowey's efforts to the work of the Mon's League in Philadelphis.

"In every city that is organized for a Sunday campaign the position of the pastor is recognized. The whole scheme of organization begins with an appeal to the pastor for men and women to help in the details. The church is the goal of every activity in connection with Mr. Sunday's campaign. There is nothing that Mr. Sunday is mort insistent upon than that the ministars shall be in the forestront from the beginning.

"Mr. Sunday's campaign is complete in that it does not leave a lot of new converts outside of the churchs. But, through the various lines of organization here from Scranton and Wilkes-Barre by the Rev. George G. Powey, who has been organized to the saloon, and there is unsally a wide expanse of "dry" territory around the saloon, and there is unsally a wide expanse of "dry" territory around the schirches of all the other denominations."

in anticipation of the Sunday campaign.
Throughout his services, Billy attacks the saloen, and there is usually a wide expanse of "dry" territory around the towns in which he has a campaign soon after he leaves. In the mining region of Pennsylvania there were about 60 less saloons after his campaigns in Stranton and Wilkes-Barre within a year after his departure.

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One of the district suparintendents of the Methodat Episcopal Church in Lacarne County and a short time age that there had never been as great activity among the church people, and the growth of the memberabine in the churches of all denominations had been larger the first year after Sunday was these them renords show it is have been previously. Billy Sunday had alone practice to win converts among those outside of the Church but he arouses the church hours to their duty. As a result they have been sunday had been to the blaster, and the revival conditions long after the tabernacies are turn drivet and the avangellat has left.

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## THE CALL TO ARMS!

"Billy" Sunday's First Words for Philadelphia Battle Against Sin

Dear Philadelphia:

I have watched with increasing satisfaction and interest the thorough and businesslike preparations that your various committees have been making for the coming campaign, which we hope and pray will be, under the blessing of Almighty God, the highwater mark in the religious history of the City of Brotherly Love, long ago dedicated by William Penn to the worship of the only true God.

The way to get what you want is to want it.

Does Philadelphia want the presence of Christ in her offices, shops, stores, factories, schools and homes?

Does Philadelphia want to see a "For Rent" sign hanging in the window of every brewery, saloon and house of ill-fame?

Does Philadelphia want to see thieves made to steal no more?

Does Philadelphia want to hear the blasphemer pray instead of curse?

Does Philadelphia want to see drunkards made sober?

Does Philadelphia want to see homes of squalor and want turned into abodes of peace and plenty?

Does Philadelphia want to see her churches become throbbing centres of spiritual life, instead of gorgeous religious clubhouses?

If she does, and if you and I are to realize our vision of a redeemed city, and to receive an answer to the unnumbered thousands of petitions that are bombarding the Throne of Grace on behalf of the surging, seething thousands of sin-cursed lives that are staggering under their load of guilt, some one will have to sweat blood, and the faith and heroism and martyr spirit that made possible a Valley Forge, with its crimson snows, will have to be reproduced and repeated in tens of thousands of lives of those who claim allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Men and women of Philadelphia, the fight is on! Sin is entrenched in places high and low. The saloon and brothel, the gambling hells, political graft, extortion, trickery and deceit will not submit to extermination without a mighty struggle to maintain their hold upon the individual and body politic. The greed of man will yield to nothing less than the grace of God.

I appeal to all who believe that Elijah's God still lives, and who are anxious to see a tidal wave of the old-time religion that has warmed the cold world's heart for 2000 years, to get right with God and be ready, in the name of Christ, to go to the last ditch, and plant the blood-stained banner of the Son of God upon the ramparts of sin, join hands and rally around the Gross, and sing

W. M. Dundey.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."